

BY THE ATLANTIC.

THE N. E. A. REACHES ST. AUGUSTINE TUESDAY.

The Oldest City in America Gives a Royal Welcome—A Fine Program for the Week—More Travel Saturday.

ST. AUGUSTINE, FLA., Jan. 21.—The N. E. A. arrived here this afternoon after a long and round about ride from Tampa. Leaving there last night at 8 o'clock, the party did not get to this place until 2 p. m. Owing to some disagreement between the rival railroad systems on the East and West coasts, the company operating the near and direct lines across the peninsula, refused to pull the special cars and the trip was made over the Plant System by way of Waycross, Ga., a hundred miles or more out of the way. The delay in arriving here necessitated the postponement of to-day's meeting until to-morrow morning. On reaching this point we found L. W. Gaines, of Elkton, waiting to join the Kentucky delegation. Walton has not turned up and will not be on hand.

I believe I gave a synopsis of the features of interest in the visit to Tampa, in my last, excepting the trip to Egmont Key on Monday. This excursion 20 miles down the bay on the steamer Olivette was one of the most enjoyable features of the meeting. The whole association was given an elegant entertainment. Lunch was served on the boat, cigars and fruits were passed around and a band of music played often during the day. Everybody got off at the beach and spent an hour "gathering up shells from the sea shore." Fishing tackle was provided and some of the party raised up planks in the wharf and dropped in lines and had the satisfaction of catching some striped sheepshead fish weighing 6 to 8 pounds each. The local committees were unremitting in their attentions and courtesies to the visitors and everybody left with a good impression of Tampa and its people.

The St. Augustine committee on reception met the association at Jacksonville, 35 miles above here, and every member was given a ticket for himself and baggage to and from the hotel. Most of the crowd went to the Alcazar but finding it difficult to get located promptly, many of them scattered out and secured good accommodations in smaller hotels near by. Most of the hotels are in a square of the Plaza and the three largest ones, the Alcazar, the Cordova and the Ponce de Leon are under the same management. The Ponce is the only rival of the Tampa Bay Hotel in splendor we have yet encountered. It is a little too rich for editorial blood, the price being from \$4 up. The others charge \$2.50 a day and other first class houses about the same.

The next two or three days will be devoted to business meetings with numerous entertainments from time to time. These will of course have to be described in a future letter. Saturday the trip to Palm Beach, 263 miles below here, will be taken.

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STILL IN SESSION.

The N. E. A. Having a Big Time in the Ancient City.

ST. AUGUSTINE, FLA., Jan. 23.—Rain, rain has been the order of the day since last night and at 2 p. m. it is still falling in a steady down-pour with no prospects of a let-up. The out-of-door program for to-day, which included an oyster roast on the beach and a sight-seeing tour over the city, has been put off until to-morrow and if it is still raining they will be abandoned altogether.

The business sessions are going ahead as usual, but these are of no interest to the KENTUCKIAN readers.

Yesterday was a day well employed in doing the city. We made up a small party and engaged a guide and went at it systematically. We had finished the points of interest before the rain came up. The principal places visited were as follows:

ARTIST'S STUDIOS—Hotel Ponce de Leon. Friday evening reception during the winter season.

THE PLAZA—Containing the confederate monument, the old slave market and the only monument extant commemorating the new Spanish Constitution of 1812.

OLD PORTION OF CITY—Narrow streets and overhanging balconies.

POST OFFICE BUILDING—Formerly residence of a Spanish Governor.

FORT MARION—The old Spanish Fort; built of coquina. Begun 1565 as San Juan de Pinos by the first negro slaves brought to America, finished as Fort San Marcos in 1756, and changed to Fort Marion in 1825.

THE GATEWAY—At the head of St.

BALLOT FOUR.

LEGISLATORS VOTE AGAIN, BUT NO ELECTION RESULTS.

Blackburn Gets Fifty-Seven Votes, Carlisle Nine, Hunter Sixty-Six, Wilson One and Bate One.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 25.—The first week of balloting for United States Senator has passed without an election, and there are no known reasons for a change in the belief that there will be any definite result as long as the agreement lasts.

The nine sound-money Democrats who have been complimenting various persons since last Tuesday concentrated their votes on Mr. Carlisle to-day. This had no special significance, though some were inclined to believe that the sound-money men had a notion of pushing the Secretary's name to the front with more energy.

Senator Stege voted again for Mr. Augustus E. Wilson, while Populist Poore returned to his first love, Mr. Clarence S. Bate.

The joint session was called to order at noon by Lieut. Gov. Worthington. The journals of yesterday were read and the roll was called, showing the absence of Senator Ogilvie and Representatives Garrett (R.) and Horton (D.) who were paired. Senator Goebel returned this morning from Covington and Senator Petrie, with whom he had paired, was present.

The votes were recorded as follows: Hunter, 66; Blackburn, 57; Carlisle, 9; Wilson, 1; Bate, 1. On motion of Mr. Hamon, of Scott county, the joint session was then dissolved until Monday at noon.

IMPORTANT DECISION.

Many Questions of the Australian Ballot System Made Clear.

FRANKFORT, Jan. 25.—An important decision was handed down in the court of appeals to-day involving several disputed points in the Australian election system. Decision on account of similarity, has bearing on the case of Strauss against Johnson, over the office of clerk of the Jefferson county court.

The points decided upon are in accord with the claims of Mr. Strauss in his contest. The questions were raised in the case of County Judge Houston against Steel, of Boyd county.

The court in its decision says the county canvassing board, composed of the county judge, sheriff and county clerk, must examine and count or reject all uncounted and doubtful ballots returned by election officers, and must not be governed exclusively by certificates of officers in counting the votes cast.

The next point decided is that a ballot marked with a lead pencil instead of ink and stencil is a valid ballot, and must be counted, that marks blurs or blots on ballots that appear to be accidental, are not such distinguishing marks as will invalidate the votes.

If stencil marks should be made just outside the square that contains the party device, or just outside the little square opposite any one candidate's name, it does not invalidate the ballot, and it should be counted, that is if mark is near enough to device or square to leave no doubt of voter's intentions.

The Strauss-Johnson case was not reached by court of appeals, but on account of similarity of several points involved, it can be seen how it may be decided. At least, such is the construction placed upon it here.

Civil Service Examinations.

A competitive examination under the rules of the United States Civil Service Commission, of applicants for the grades Store-keeper, Gauger, Store-keeper and Gauger, and Clerk in the classified Internal Revenue Service, will be held in the United States court room in Owensboro, on the 17th day of March, 1896, commencing at 9 o'clock a. m. Application should be made on United States Civil Service Commission blanks, which will be forwarded upon application to M. G. Stirman, Secretary Board of Examiners, Owensboro, Ky.

A \$25,000 Suit Filed.

Mr. Robert B. Ford, of this city, through his attorneys, Messrs. C. H. Bush, W. R. Howell and John Feland, has filed suit against the L. & N. Railroad Company for \$25,000 damages. Ford was a head brakeman on one of the company's freight trains, on a run from Howell, Ind., to Nashville, Tenn., and on the 8th day of July, last, was run over by the engine of his train at Sebree and one of his legs was cut off.

Grange Meeting.

There will be a Call Meeting of the Casky Grange on Friday, Feb. 7. Business of importance will come up and a full attendance is desired.

CREAM OF NEWS.

IF IT IS NEW AND TRUE THIS COLUMN HAS IT.

Public School Building Burned—Heavy Damage Suit Filed—Shakers' Store in Ashes—Big Damages Paid—Broke an Arm—Counterfeiter Caught—Meeting of Supervisors—Civil Service Examinations.

Public School Building Reduced to Ashes.

About 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon fire was discovered issuing from the roof of the colored Public School building and an alarm was sounded, bringing out the fire company in a very short while, but the structure was a frame one and was soon reduced to ashes. The blaze is believed to have started in a closet in the old part of the building and it was under good headway when first discovered. How it originated is a mystery as there had been no fire in the building since the day before, when a Teachers' Association was held there, and it looks very much like a case of incendiarism. The loss is about \$6,000. There was an insurance of \$3,000 on the building and \$500 on the furniture and fixtures.

The trustees of the school and a number of citizens held a meeting yesterday for the purpose of discussing future plans, etc., and it was decided to continue the school without interruption, using the various colored churches and halls in the city for the present.

In the mean time an effort will be made to rebuild in the near future. The old building was a two-story structure with ten rooms and four commodious halls, and had a seating capacity of about five hundred scholars.

Failed to Identify His Man.

Sheriff S. B. Crane, of Dover, Tenn., passed through the city Tuesday night en route to Henderson on the look out for Joe Wells, who is wanted in Dover, for the murder of a man named Carney. A man calling himself Joe Wells had been taken into custody at Henderson, and his picture, which was sent to the Sheriff of Stewart county, fully answered the description of the man wanted, but when he was taken before the Sheriff he found that he was not the Joe Wells "desired." Wells was then released from custody and got out of the city at once.

Shot by a Negro School Teacher.

Alfred Doom, one of the oldest residents of Lyon county, was shot a few days ago by Louis Smith, a negro school teacher. Mr. Doom had forbidden the Smiths to go through his land, but they persisted in doing so and tore down fencing. Mr. Doom and his son, Columbus, were putting up the fence a second time when Louis Smith and his brother, John, appeared and after a few words Louis shot Mr. Alfred Doom through the leg. The negro was arrested, and a lynching bee was narrowly averted.

The Shakers' Store Burned.

The store house owned by the Shakers at South Union was destroyed by fire a few nights ago. Harris & Scott had the house rented and carried a large stock of goods, all of which went up in flames. The origin of the fire is not known. The house was a brick structure, and is a total loss to the Shakers, as it was not insured. Harris & Scott had their stock insured for \$5,000, which will about cover their loss.

Counterfeiter Caged.

George Leroy, col., who was arrested at Dulaney, a few miles west of Princeton, last week on a warrant charging him with making counterfeit money, had his preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner Puryear, at Paducah, and was held for the April term of the U. S. District Court. His bond was placed at \$500.

Fell and Broke an Arm.

Mr. L. D. Brown, son of Judge M. D. Brown, slipped and fell on the steps as he was going out of doors last Thursday evening and broke his left arm below the elbow. One of the bones was badly fractured and the young man has been suffering great pain since the accident.

McKinney Got Big Damages.

J. B. McKinney, who was badly injured by the explosion of dynamite at Blackford two years ago while in the employ of the O. V. railroad, sued the company for \$2,500. He gained the suit and the money was paid him last week.

Not Yet Appointed.

Henderson Gleazer.

The GLEANER was misinformed as to the statement recently published that Dr. Letcher had appointed Dr. W. H. Lewis to a place in the Hopkinsville asylum. Dr. Letcher states that he has not as yet made any appointment as he has been too busy with other matters to consider any application.

BILL FOR REVISING THE LIBEL LAW.

Mr. Carroll's Measure Favorably Reported By the Committee.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 25.—Among the House bills favorably reported on by committees this morning was Mr. Carroll's measure revising the libel laws of the State, and in which the newspapers of the State are especially interested.

Section 1 says: In all suits brought in this State for the publication of a libel, in any newspaper in this State, the plaintiff shall recover only the actual damages sustained, if it should appear from the evidence that the publication was made in good faith and its falsity was due to mistake or misrepresentation of the facts, and, in the next regular issue of the newspaper, after such mistake or misrepresentation was brought to the knowledge of the publishers, or manager, whether before or after suit is brought, a correction was published in as conspicuous manner and place in said newspaper as was the article sued on as libelous. Section 2: In all actions for libel, implied malice may be rebutted, and if the jury finds there was no express malice, then no exemplary or punitive damages shall be awarded.

Dr. Hugh Flournoy McNary.

The Princeton Banner says: "Dr. H. F. McNary, of this place, has accepted the position of assistant superintendent of the Hopkinsville asylum. We wanted him to be superintendent, a position he was eminently qualified to fill, but he is sure to fill his present station with signal ability. His friends here, both Democrats and Republicans, are gratified at the appointment."

Dr. McNary is well and favorably known in this city, having been assistant physician at the asylum from 1867 to 1869 inclusive, under Dr. James Rodman's superintendency, and his popularity in Caldwell as a physician and gentleman, is unbounded. The place was offered him by Gov. Bradley, and it was not until the solicitations of numerous other friends were brought to bear upon the Doctor that he decided to accept.

Hopkins County Market.

The Condition of the tobacco market is unchanged from last week's quotations. This week has been a fine season for stripping and the farmers have been making the most of it. Considerable quantities have been delivered at this market.

Beaumont has opened up at Nebo and has made extensive purchases, probably as much as a million pounds, and has paid an average of about \$3.25 around.

The best grades of tobacco are going at about \$5, \$4 and 50c, and \$5, \$3 and 50c, and common grades are a drag in the market at almost any price.—Hustler.

The N. E. A. Adjourns.

The National Editorial Association completed its labor at St. Augustine, Fla., last Friday afternoon and adjourned sine die. The next convention will be held at Galveston, Texas. A committee was named to consider the question of erecting a home in Florida for disabled editors. The members of the association who attended the meeting this year will remain in Florida this week, visiting all the principal cities in the State.

"White Cap" Cases Continued.

MARION, Ky. January 25.—The white cap cases, on motion of the Commonwealth, were yesterday continued over to Feb. 24. Reasons for continuance were the absence of Commonwealth witnesses who made the affidavits upon which all the warrants were issued. The defendants' attorney asked that the warrants be dismissed, as no one appeared to prosecute, but the court declined to do so.

Supervisors Meet Again.

The Board of Supervisors met in the city again yesterday to hear complaints, if any, concerning the lists they had raised at their recent meeting. Four hundred and thirty-eight notices were served and a number have already come in to show cause why their property should not be advanced. They will be in session five days.

Keeley Wins a Case.

The jury at Pontiac, Ill., in the case of Marshall vs. the Leslie E. Keeley company, which was on trial for ten days, brought in a verdict for the defendant. Marshall claimed \$50,000 damages from the Keeley cure institute at Dwight, Ill., for the alleged results following the "gold cure" treatment of his wife for the morphine habit.

Married in Jail.

Robert Rainwater, who is serving a twelve-months sentence in jail at Clarksville, for larceny, and Miss Virgie Walker, a young lady of Montgomery county, were married at the county jail in that place last Wednesday afternoon, by Squire S. A. Caldwell.

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